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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Daily Press & Argus: Michigan Supreme Court hears Bonner case

"An almost 5-year-long legal battle over two vacant houses in Brighton reached the Michigan Supreme Court today. The case pits Brighton City against Marilyn and Leon Bonner, an elderly Northville couple who own the houses on North Street in downtown Brighton."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: McCree is a liar and should be barred from bench for years, Supreme Court told

"Wayne County Circuit Judge Wade McCree should get a lengthy suspension because he not only had an affair with a woman whose case he was hearing, he also lied about why he didn't recuse himself, an attorney told the Michigan Supreme Court [Wednesday].... The Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission says McCree should be removed from office and suspended for another six years if he wins re-election in 2014."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: 'Selfie' is on the record at state Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

Note: The Associated Press article also ran in the Detroit Free Press, the Lansing State Journal, the Times Herald/Port Huron, the Mining Journal/Marquette, the Midland Daily News, the Republic/Columbus, IN, WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing, WILX-TV(10)/Lansing and other media outlets.

Detroit Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court considers McCree's judicial future

[Full story](#)

CBS Detroit: Future Of 'Shirtless Judge' Hits Mich. Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Supreme Court starts decision process on how much shame is in Wade McCree's game

[Full story](#)

San Francisco Chronicle: Future of 'buff judge' hits Mich. Supreme Court

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Associated Press: Update: Mich. court examines one of Granholm's last acts

"A decision to grant but then scratch a parole opportunity for a prisoner hit the docket of the Michigan Supreme Court on Wednesday as justices sparred with lawyers in an unprecedented case about a governor's constitutional power."

[Full story](#)

Note: The Associated Press article also ran in the Detroit News, CBS Detroit, the Detroit Legal News, the Midland Daily News, the Mining Journal/Marquette, NBC 25 News/Clio and other media outlets.

Prisoner seeks review of former governor's commutation grant – and denial – in appeal Supreme Court hears this week

Also before the Court: Ethics charges against judge who had affair with litigant

[Press release](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Court website is now smartphone-friendly

"Smartphone users can now rejoice — the most comprehensive online information source about the Michigan justice system is now in the palm of their hands. A smartphone-compatible version of the 'One Court of Justice' website (www.courts.mi.gov) made its debut Monday, offering another convenient way to access the Michigan court's site, according to Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young Jr."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

"One Court of Justice" website is now smartphone-friendly

Other website updates: Site users can sign up for appellate opinions, other bulletins via social media; Supreme Court posting audio of oral arguments

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Novi judge fires back against Oakland prosecutor

"A judge fired back Wednesday after being accused by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office of misusing his discretion in sentencing people charged with domestic violence and other crimes, and then sealing their records.... [Novi 52-1 District Judge Brian] MacKenzie responded Wednesday with a 76-page brief written by attorney John J. Lynch that insists the prosecutor's allegations contain 'significant' legal and factual inaccuracies."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MLW Blog: MacKenzie responds to Oakland County prosecutor's complaint

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: Senate votes to ensure jury trials in state suits

"The Michigan Senate has voted unanimously to ensure people who file certain types of lawsuits against the state have a right to a jury trial. The bill approved Wednesday and headed to Gov. Rick Snyder amends a law passed last month that gave jurisdiction over state suits to different judges."

[Full story](#)

Note: The Associated Press article also ran in the Detroit Free Press, WNMU-FM 90/Marquette and other media outlets.

Associated Press: Mental health court bills nearing Snyder's desk

"Legislation to create special courts under Michigan law that serve people with mental illnesses is nearing Gov. Rick Snyder's desk. The Senate unanimously approved the bills Wednesday, and the House is expected to concur before adjourning for the year. More than a dozen counties have mental health courts that let charges be dismissed or reduced so offenders get treatment instead of jail."

[Full story](#)

Note: The Associated Press article also ran in the Lansing State Journal, the Times Herald/Port Huron, WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing and other media outlets.

C & G News/Warren: Shelby settles pending IT lawsuit for \$550,000

"Litigation spanning several years with Technology Integration Group Services (TIGS) finally reached a resolution when the township's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to settle for \$549,937 Nov. 19.... [The case went through the court system eventually being appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court.]"

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Judge sentences 20-year-old to 25-50 years in prison for second-degree murder

"A 20-year-old man is going to prison for at least 25 years for shooting to death 21-year-old Benjamin Willard in July 2010. Jackson County Circuit Judge Thomas Wilson sentenced Kadeem White on Thursday, Dec. 12, to 25 to 50 years in prison for second-degree murder.... The case was long delayed because of an appeal considered by the state Supreme Court. In February, the high court decided White's 'confession' could be presented to a jury."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: 'Healer of Controversy': Peacemaking Court will help ease relationship conflicts

"A dream has come true for Washtenaw County Trial Court Judge Timothy Connors who will oversee a new Peacemaking Court thanks to a yearlong grant from the state's Court Performance Innovation Fund.... The court will use Native American principles for resolving disputes, using values Connors refers to as the four Rs: respect, responsibility, relationship, and redirection."

[Full story](#)

Midland Daily News: Midland County drug court program to receive \$90K grant

"The Midland County 42nd Circuit Court will be receiving a \$90,000 grant from the Michigan Supreme Court's State Court Administrative Office for the drug court program after unanimous approval of an agreement by the Board of Commissioners. The agreement runs from Oct. 1, 2013 through Sept. 30, 2014 and is an increase of approximately \$20,000 from previous years."

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